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Please replace the abstract with the following:

An apparatus for reading from or writing to optical recording media, having a photodetector and a phase detector for detecting a phase difference between output signals of the photodetector. An object of the present invention is to propose an apparatus in which a phase signal which is as correct as possible is generated. A further object of the invention is to specify a method of which a correct track error signal is determined using a phase detection method. According to the invention, the apparatus has an edge sequence detector for detecting the sequence of edges of the output signals, and a signal blocking unit for blocking the output signal of the phase detector. In particular, the output signal of the phase detector is blocked when an impermissible sequence of zero crossings of phase detected signals.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-17 are pending. The claims and the abstract have been amended to correct informalities. No new matter has been added.

No fee is believed due in regard to the present amendment. However, if a fee is due, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

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